

Welcome to *Rapid Renewal!*

Rapid Renewal is an online service that allows you to renew a vehicle registration at home, work or anyplace that has access to the Internet. With *Rapid Renewal* you can renew your registration anytime that's convenient for you.

I'm pleased to provide this service in cooperation with your municipality and InforME, the Information Resource of Maine. This online service is part of our Department's continuing commitment to make more services available to the citizens of Maine in an easy to use format over the Internet.

This brochure answers many questions about *Rapid Renewal*. To learn more, visit ***www.SOSonline.org***. While at the web site, you'll notice that most digital licenses and ID cards may now be renewed online as well.

These online services are meant to provide greater access and convenience to the people of Maine. I hope you'll find them beneficial. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know (SOS.Office@maine.gov).



Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

Renewing your vehicle registration... *It's as easy as point and click!*

What is *Rapid Renewal* ?

Rapid Renewal is an Internet service available through the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It allows Maine citizens in participating municipalities to pay their local excise tax and renew their vehicle registration online. Rapid Renewal of digital driver licenses is also available.

How does *Rapid Renewal* work?

Rapid Renewal offers a step-by-step process for renewing vehicle registrations. To get started, simply visit the Secretary of State's web site at ***www.SOSonline.org*** and select Rapid Renewal from the list of services. Easy to follow instructions will assist you in renewing your vehicle registration.

Once your online renewal application is completed, you may print a confirmation page as verification of your transaction. You will receive your new registration form and license plate decals in the mail within 7 business days.

Does my town or city have to participate in the program for me to renew online?

Yes. Because the excise tax you pay on your vehicle is a local tax, your municipality must participate in the program in order for you to renew online.

You can find out if your municipality is part of the program by checking the list on the ***Rapid Renewal*** web site.

What will I need to complete my renewal online?

In order to renew your registration online, you will need to have the following items available before you begin:

- ✓ your current vehicle registration
- ✓ your current proof of insurance
- ✓ your credit card **or** checkbook
- ✓ a printer



ONLINE VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWAL

www.SOSonline.org

How will I pay my registration fee and excise tax?

You may pay the fees associated with your renewal online by using a credit card or electronic check depending on the options accepted by your municipality. Just follow the online instructions for submitting your payment information.

When using a credit card, you will select the type of card and enter the account number and expiration date.

Using an electronic check is also easy. You simply enter the routing information which appears on the bottom of your paper check to identify your bank and account number. The amount you specify will be deducted from your account.

What if I'm not connected to the Internet at home or at work?

Many local libraries have computers available for public use with free Internet access. Simply take your registration, insurance and payment information with you to your local library to renew online.

SOSonline.org

Get online . . .



Receive an e-mail reminder to renew your registration next year!

An added service available through *Rapid Renewal* is an e-mail message to remind you to renew your registration next year.

Additional Information

For more information about *Rapid Renewal* of vehicle registrations and licenses, as well as other online services available through the Department of the Secretary of State, please contact:

Department of the Secretary of State
Bureau of Motor Vehicles
29 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
207-624-9000 Ext. 52145
www.SOSonline.org

InforME

Rapid Renewal is a service of the Department of the Secretary of State, in partnership with InforME, the State of Maine's private-sector partner and official web portal provider. All online services and official State of Maine web pages can be accessed from the state portal **www.Maine.gov**.



Rapid Renewal